

### Claims

Claims 1-25 have been cancelled.

26. (New) A method for rendering digital content, the method comprising the steps of:  
obtaining digital content as a plurality of chunks, wherein each chunk of the digital content is separately hashed;  
authenticating a first chunk from the plurality of chunks;  
rendering the first chunk if the first chunk is successfully authenticated;  
authenticating a second chunk from the plurality of chunks;  
rendering the second chunk if the second chunk is successfully authenticated; and  
continuing to authenticate and render subsequent chunks as long as each chunk is successfully authenticated.

27. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein the step of authenticating a chunk comprises the step of:  
calculating a hash of the chunk to create a chunk hash of the chunk;  
comparing the chunk hash to a stored chunk hash of the chunk; and  
if the chunk hash matches the stored chunk hash, successfully authenticating the chunk.

28. (New) The method of claim 27 further comprising the step of:  
authenticating a hash table containing a plurality of stored chunk hashes corresponding to the plurality of chunks of content.

29 (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the step of authenticating the hash table comprises:  
verifying a certificate of authenticity of the hash table; and  
if the certificate of authenticity of the hash table is verified, authenticating the hash table.